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Sir:

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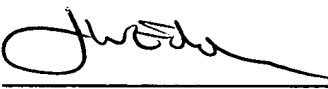
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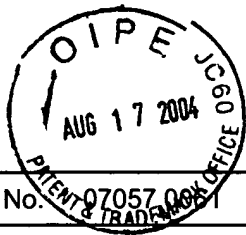
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Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	5,707,756	01/13/98	Inoue et al.			
	6,413,679	07/02/02	Kuboki et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
06-215760	05/08/94	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

European Search Report dated July 8, 2004

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